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EARLY COMPLETION OF THE CHING CHIANG FLOOD DIVERSION PROJECTHsin-hua Yueh-pao
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Under the direction of the Ching Chiang Flood Diversion Committee of the Central-South China Military and Political Committee, 300,000 workers completed the 3-month Ching Chiang flood diversion plan 15 days ahead of schedule. Work was begun 5 April and completed 20 June 1952.

The Ching Chiang flood diversion project covers an area of approximately 920 square kilometers south of the Ching Chiang, north of the An-hsiang Ho, and east of the Hu-tu Ho. A gigantic reservoir was constructed. In the T'ai-p'ing-k'ou area at the north of the reservoir, a 1,054-meter-long lock was constructed. In the Huang-shan-t'ou area at the south of the reservoir, a 336-meter-long protective lock was constructed. A high dike was built around the reservoir. After completion, the reservoir will retain 6 billion cubic meters of water.

The project included 8.28 million cubic meters of earth work, 117,000 cubic meters of cement work, 253,400 cubic meters of stone work, and 161,000 cubic meters of brick work. Approximately 3,480 tons of steel bars and 100 million ton-kilometers of transport equipment and material were used. About 145 kilometers of light railways and 122 kilometers of highways were constructed. The completed Ching Chiang flood diversion project will protect 3 million people and 8 million mou of rice fields and will decrease the threat of T'ung-t'ing Hu floods.

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